

not have a negative impact on the desegregation plan. And for that reason, as Senator Horgan pointed out, Omaha public schools is opposing this amendment and District 66 is not actively supporting it. The amendment comes on behalf of the families who have been, have had their children attending school in the District 66 school district and have been paying tuition and the issue is whether or not we, in looking at these children, should it allow for continuity of their educational experience and also what is fair considering that other children are being able to opt into this school district and not have to pay that tuition. So I think that when we also recognize that the district has passed a policy that they will no longer accept tuition based students that we're talking about a finite number here. There are 11 children that are attending 66 and are looking for some fairness in the way the rule works as well as some continuity of their educational experience, and I would urge you to consider supporting this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Hall. I'm sorry, Senator Nelson first and then Senator Hall.

SENATOR NELSON: I guess I'll eventually be asking a question of Senator Horgan because he brought the amendment. Is that a printed amendment?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, it has been distributed. You should have it on your desk.

SENATOR NELSON: My mistake. I don't find it here, but that's all right. I have a question of you. You talk of 11 students in Omaha, how does this affect the students that have moved in a new residential area just outside of Lincoln, for example, or outside of Grand Island, Nebraska or any other town the same? There could be a tax advantage, in fact, there is a big tax advantage. It's a number of miles, 17 miles, I've heard that figure a number of times in education to...for my children to go to Waverly, Nebraska, and so I built on a five or a ten-acre estate right out of southeast Lincoln. Obviously the taxes may be cheaper in Waverly, I don't think there is a lot of difference, but I want to live two or three miles or a half a mile out of Lincoln district and then maybe I've been paying tuition in Lincoln. Now all of a sudden I want you folks, through the choice bill, to pay for my student's education and I see that very same thing happening in Grand Island, Nebraska. I move out to a Class I district and that has been my concern on